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FRENCH LEADER ASSASSINATED

JEAN JEAURES, NOTED SOCIALIST FALLS VICTIM TO A HIDDEN ENEMY

WAS ADVOCATE FOR PEACE

Always Strong Opponent of Militarism and Capitalist and Leader of Progressive Movements

By Associated Press.
PARIS, France, July 31.—Jean Leon Jeaures, the noted socialist leader, was assassinated tonight, while dining at a small restaurant near the Bourse.

The assassin was arrested but refused to disclose his identity. Later he was identified as Roul Villain, aged 29, said to be the son of a clerk of the Civil Court at Rheims.

Jeaures was seated at a table near the open window chatting with several socialist deputies and editors. As though by rearrangement, a window curtain was brushed aside and a hand holding a revolver, was thrust through.

Jeaures received two bullets in the back of his head.

Demonstrations of the crowd threatened death for the assassin, who was rescued by the police.

Jeaures returned yesterday from Brussels, where he attended an international socialist conference to protest against war, and since his arrival here, delivered a speech on the subject.

His campaign against hostilities is thought to have some connection with the murder.

The assassin was heard to say, "I did it because when Jeaures fought the three first years, three years military law, he fought France."

Jeaures has for years, been one of the most prominent socialist leaders of Europe. He was a stout opponent of militarism and capitalism and a firm believer in international peace to be maintained only by the economic relations of the world.

HOW TEXAS RANKS IN POPULATION

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 31.—The Census Bureau has been throwing some side lights on the figures broadcast at the Thirteenth Federal Census, and finds that out of 49 states in the Union, 15 now take higher population than they did in 1900; 12 states hold the same position as in 1900 and the comparative rank of 15 states was lower at the 1910 census than at the one ten years previous.

The first Federal Census of Texas was taken in 1850 and the records show that Texas ranked twenty-fifth with other states in total population. Ten years later Texas ranked twenty-third. The next census, which was in 1870, showed Texas as in 19th place. The following census, of the one of 1880 credits Texas as ranking 11th with other states. The 1890 census shows Texas as in 7th place and in 1900 she ranked 6th with other states, while the last census showed only four states with a greater population than Texas. During the 1900-1910 decade, Texas wrested the 5th place from Missouri a position which that state had held for thirty years previous.

The following states have held 5th place among other states in population during the past 60 years: 1910, Texas; Missouri 1900, 1890, 1880 and 1870; Virginia 1860; Tennessee 1850.

TEXAS SWAMPS AND OVERFLOW LANDS

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 31.—The swamps and overflow land area of Texas is 1,620,000 acres and ranks fifteenth with other states in this respect, according to a report issued recently by the National Conservation Commission. The total overflow area of the United States is 71,542,000 acres and Florida and Louisiana are the leading states in this respect.

Big Cowman Buys Enslaved

LUBBOCK, Tex., July 31.—W. L. Edmund, of the Spade ranch, has purchased a ton of ensilage from J. S. Winn of this city, and will use it to carry about one thousand head of yearlings through the winter. Mr. Winn received \$7.00 per ton and will furnish water and pasture in which to feed same. The Spade ranch experimented with ensilage quite extensively last winter using it as a rationing ration to carry their young stock through the winter with very satisfactory results. Mr. Winn has two Ames Portable Silos manufactured by the Ames Portable Silo Company of Amarillo.

Texas Schools

WACO, Texas, July 31.—The school population of Texas for the year ending June 1912 was 1,280,757, according to a report which has just been issued by the United States Bureau of Education, Department of Interior. This includes children between the ages of 5 and 18 years. The number of children enrolled during the year was 820,612, and the average daily attendance was 560,173. The average duration of school for the season was 132 days. It requires the services of 22,943 teachers to instruct Texas school children, and according to the report, 15,588 of them are females and 8,555 are males. The salaries of teachers for the season aggregate \$9,815,000 and the total expenditure is 14,495,000 for the term.

NEW YORK MARKET NOW SUSPENDED

PERIL OF GENERAL EUROPEAN WAR MORE THAN BOARD FELT LIKE FACING

ARMOUR SAVES CHICAGO

Took Over More Than Eight Million Bushels of Wheat Which Would Have Crashed Small Traders

By Associated Press.
NEW YORK, July 31.—The complex machinery of the markets of the world came to a halt today for an indefinite period, an occurrence unprecedented in history.

With all Europe seemingly on the verge of a continental war and all the exchanges of Europe closed several days ago, with the London market following suit today, the New York market would have been called upon to bear the burdens of the world's financial obligations, which of course would be hazardous.

After a period of hesitation, and extreme tension, it was decided ten minutes before opening time, that the exchange should remain closed.

No Panic in Chicago.
By Associated Press.
CHICAGO, Ill., July 31.—Armour's millions, today rescued the wheat trade from panic.

Instead of chaos resulting from a settlement today in the midst of a war market, with possibly a score of firms embarrassed, and with the violent certainty that a number of bankruptcies would occur, the Chicago market maintained its record of having never closed.

President George E. Macey, of the Armour Grain Company rose to the occasion. He quietly circulated the word on the floor of the board today, that any member in trouble need only come to him.

Before nightfall the Armour company had taken over eight million bushels of wheat in open trades which, if not transferred, were in danger of not being settled on contract time and within the month.

In a single trade, one firm was called upon today for \$250,000 to cover margins.

FEWER BUSINESS FAILURES IN TEXAS

HOUSTON, Tex., July 31.—There were 275 business failures in Texas last year, while the year before 89 were reported in this state, according to a recent issue of Dun's Review. The figures verify the fact that business conditions in this state are rapidly improving. The 481 failures reported last year involved 49,942 Texas business concerns, with liabilities aggregating \$6,611,000.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE DISCOVERY OF OXYGEN

NEW YORK, July 31.—Oxygen was discovered 140 years ago today. Joseph Priestley, a dissenting English clergyman who had turned scientist, obtained the hitherto unknown gas by igniting mercuric oxide. The oxygen he thus produced he called "dephlogitized air." He and Benjamin Franklin had often discussed the mysterious composition of air and water. No one up to that time had determined what element it was in both which so invigorated the physical energies of man. It is said that Priestley made his actual discovery of the oxygen while experimenting in a brewery near his home in England. He spent the last ten years of his life in the United States, a voluntary exile.

Today a monument stands in England to commemorate Priestley's discovery. Were he alive he could read of thousands of lives which are saved as a result of his work. Oxygen is the only gas capable of supporting respiration, and is repeatedly used in the sick chamber to pull a patient through a crisis. Helms equipped with oxygen attachments enable the diver to go to ocean depths, the aviator to ascend into diffused air, the fireman to stand in dense smoke, and rescuers to descend into gas-filled mines. So wide are its uses that one 4,000-gallon cubic foot of this gas are bottled in the United States every year.

Knights of Columbus to Meet

ST. PAUL, Minn., July 31.—Preparations on an elaborate scale were completed today for the reception and entertainment of the hundreds of delegates and visitors expected here next week for the international convention of the Knights of Columbus. All parts of the United States and Canada will be represented at the gathering. Besides the usual church ceremonies and parade there will be a banquet, a reception and ball and numerous automobile and boat trips to places of interest in and about the Twin Cities. The business sessions of the convention will begin Tuesday and continue until Friday.

For Colorado-Gulf Highway

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., July 31.—The Colorado Gulf Highway association, which is promoting a project for an improved highway from Colorado to the Gulf of Mexico, held a meeting here today. Delegates from various parts of Colorado, Texas and other states to be traversed by the proposed highway were in attendance. President C. L. Williams, of Memphis, Texas, presided and presented his annual report to the association.

Cattle Sales at Silverton

SILVERTON, Texas, July 31.—Lon Sweeney bought today from Edward parties 300 head of high grade cows and calves, terms private.

Rulers Directly Concerned in the Austro-Servia War



Two Views of Franz Josef, Emperor of Austria.

These are the monarchs most closely concerned in the war between Servia and Austria. Emperor

Franz Josef of Austria is an aged man who has passed through more wars than any ruler of Europe. He is cold, tyrannical, and merciless, and it has been his ambition for more than half a century to extend his dominion south through the territories now controlled by Servia, Greece, Bulgaria, and Rumania. He hoped that the Turk war, in which the smaller kingdoms south drove the Turk out of Europe, might leave him in possession of that territory, but his hopes were wrong.

The war is concerned in the war because it has seen its policy to protect the Slaves of Bulgaria, Servia, and Rumania. The Russian have tried to hold a strong southern front of Austria to check her development.

King Peter Karageorgevitch of Servia, who may lose his throne if the war continues, is one of the powerful figures among rulers in Europe. He succeeded to the crown after King Alexander and Queen Draga had been murdered, and for a long time some governments in Europe would not recognize him.

He has now, however, because of the aggression of Austria, won much sympathy.

NEBRASKA RACES BECOME SPIRITED

CAMPAIGN WILL CLOSE TWO WEEKS FROM TUESDAY IN THAT STATE

LINCOLN, Neb., July 31.—One of the most spirited political campaigns Nebraska has seen in years has now entered upon its final stage. Two weeks from next Tuesday the several parties will engage in a State-wide primary election for the nomination of candidates for governor and all other State officers, representatives in Congress, members of the legislature and county officials.

The leading feature of the contest is the fight for the Democratic nomination for governor. After declaring emphatically that he would not be a candidate for re-nomination, Governor J. H. Morehead reconsidered his decision and entered the contest. His principal opponent is Richard L. Metcalfe, for many years the director of the business affairs of William J. Bryan and recently Governor of the Panama Canal Zone. Two other candidates, John G. Maher and George W. Berge, are seeking to head the Democratic State ticket, but it is generally believed the contest lies between Governor Morehead and Mr. Metcalfe.

There is one feature of the coming election in Nebraska that will attract country-wide attention. This is the new State law permitting voting by mail, which will be tried out for the first time at the November election. The enactment came largely at the request of the traveling men who found it impossible to be at home on election day.

A separate ballot and affidavit, also on a separate slip of paper, will be required of each person who votes when he is absent from his home county on election day. The separate ballot contains the names of all State officers, constitutional amendments and presidential electors on years of national elections. To this ballot will be added blank lines in connection with political party names, in which the absent voter is expected to write the names of candidates whom he desires to support.

The absent voter is required to sign an affidavit when he is given a ballot stating that he is an eligible voter and has not exercised the franchise elsewhere.

The ballot of the absent voter is forwarded by the election officers to the county clerk of the county in which he lives. Then the clerk and the county canvassing board go over the votes received by mail and add them to the 672. The canvassing board is prohibited from revealing the name of the voter, but the ballots must be preserved and may be counted openly in case of a contested election. When the bill was passed by the legislature it was opposed by many members on the ground that it left a way open for fraud that could not be detected without a contest.

Develop Water Power of Texas

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 31.—There are 195 water wheels with a horsepower of 3,946 in the manufacturing establishments of Texas according to a recent report of the National Conservation Commission. The Guadalupe has more water wheels than any other Texas river, the total number being 650. The Coparrua river has 1,494 water wheels. New York is the leading water power state, having 6,111 wheels with 885,862 horsepower. The total for the United States is 32,327 wheels and 5,356,690 horse power.

Cowman Dangerously Hurt

FLOYDADA, Texas, July 31.—Ray Ballo, an employee of the Hot Forbes ranch, 25 miles east of this city, was fatally injured Wednesday when the horse he was riding slipped and fell on him, fracturing his skull. Medical aid was secured from both Floydada and Spur but he has been unconscious since the accident and no hopes are entertained for his recovery.

KANSAS TO NAME HER CANDIDATES

PRIMARIES TO BE HELD NEXT TUESDAY AFTER WHICH WHEAT CROP COMES

TOPEKA, Kan., July 31.—If the present political campaign in Kansas had much longer to run the big wheat crop promised for the State this year would be in grave danger of neglect. Fortunately for the State and the prosperity of its citizens the campaign will end with the primaries next Tuesday, leaving the people free to turn their attention from politics.

On the eve of the primaries for the choice of candidates for all public offices from United States senator and governor down to county officials the situation is admittedly the most complicated in the political history of the State. The multiplicity of candidates by the distinguishing feature. In the six years Kansas has had primary elections there has never been a new candidate as this year. There are nearly 100 candidates for places on the State and congressional ballots, and it is difficult to know there is the long list of candidates for county, township and city offices, while an additional ballot is provided for the non-partisan candidates for the judgeships.

The contest for United States senator, with nearly a dozen applicants in the field, is especially attracting much attention. The heads of the State tickets are the only places that can be predicted with any certainty. Governor Hedger is assured of re-nomination by the Democrats. Arthur Capper, the Topeka publisher, who was the gubernatorial candidate two years ago, when he was defeated by Hedger by only twenty-nine votes, will again be named to head the Republican State ticket. The Progressive have picked Henry Allen as their candidate for governor. For other places on the State ticket and for representatives in Congress there are numerous candidates in both the Democratic and Republican ranks.

Wilson Able to Prevent a Panic

STEPS TAKEN TO BRING ABOUT COMPLETION OF FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 31.—President Wilson and the administration acted promptly today to reassure the country against any threatening financial dangers arising out of the European war situation.

First the president took steps to bring about the immediate completion of the organization of the federal reserve board in order that the new currency law may become operative.

Secretary McAdoo, expressing his approval of the closing of the stock exchange, announced that five hundred million dollars of emergency currency would be available to national banks.

The president tomorrow will send to the senate a name as successor for Thomas H. Innes for the federal reserve board.

Order in China

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 31.—The responsibility for the maintenance of order in the Chinese Republic in the event of a general European conflict, it is believed will fall largely upon the United States.

At present the international guard which is in the Chih province, in central American soldiers and marines, is approximately nine thousand and well equipped.

Over three hundred American soldiers guard the legation at Peking while between hundred infantrymen are at Tsin.

It is estimated that American troops are in withdrawal to prevent participation in China.

NEW THEATER BUILDING OPENS IN FLOYDADA

FLOYDADA, Texas, July 31.—The new theater building has been completed and McMillan & Young will move to their new location the latter part of this week. The building is a modern structure for the purpose as there is to be found, being equipped with a fireproof protecting room, a stage large enough to accommodate dramatic or vaudeville troops, electric fans and comfortable opera chairs. As Floydada has no electric plant the power is furnished by a 20-horsepower engine which is more than sufficient for their needs. The front of the service is artistically finished and is a very creditable addition to the business section of the town. The house has a seating capacity of 250.

INTEREST IN JAPAN

TOKIO, July 31.—The National Defense Council met today under the presidency of Count Okuma, the premier, discussed the European situation.

EMPEROR SPEAKS TO PEOPLE

BERLIN, July 31.—The German emperor made a speech to the people of Berlin today in which he expressed the hope that if he be unable to induce the opponents to maintain peace, he would wield the sword and show his enemies what it means to provoke Germany.

The emperor summoned the Reichstag to meet Tuesday at the Royal Palace and bear the decision of the emperor and bundesrat and if necessary vote war credits.

AUSTRIA GETTING READY

VIENNA, July 31.—Complete military and naval mobilization was ordered by the Austro-Hungarian government tonight in reply to the Russian mobilization.

MINISTERS' COUNCIL IN RUSSIAN CAPITAL

Only Two Factors at Work Which Give Slightest Hope of Healing Threatened Breach Between Triple Alliance and Entente

FRENCH ARMY VIRTUALLY MOBILIZED

Italy Makes No Announcement of Program Although it Has Been Rumored That She Has Decided Not to Participate in Controversy—All Countries Likely to be Invaded Have Stopped Exportations

By Associated Press.
LONDON, August 1.—An extraordinary council of ministers was held at Peterhof Palace according to a St. Petersburg dispatch to The London Times, and was confronted last night with a modified situation resulting from assurances by the German ambassador, following messages exchanged between the Russian emperor, the German emperor and King George.

There were only two factors tonight giving the faintest hope of averting the general European war—Russia and Austria engaged again in direct negotiations; both France and Great Britain using their utmost endeavors in favor of peace.

On the other hand Russia ordered a general mobilization and Germany declared a state siege, which undoubtedly will be a prelude to mobilization.

It is reported unofficially that the French army is virtually being mobilized.

An unconfirmed report published in Rome says that Germany is about to demand from Russia and France the immediate cessation of mobilization.

Another rumor says that the German ambassador has notified the French government of an early departure.

Great Britain has practically, though not officially mobilized, and all smaller European countries, as a precaution, has ordered the mobilization of armies in Belgium.

Holland and Switzerland have decided to protect their neutrality by being shut as a highway for Belgians, Norway, Sweden and Denmark to protect themselves on general principles.

Italy makes no announcement, although rumor says she has decided not to participate. It is impossible to obtain information as to military operations in Servia. All countries are likely to be involved and have prohibited exportation of products.

MARTIAL LAW IN FINLAND

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia, July 31.—An imperial ukase declares martial law in Finland and in Finnish waters.

Great Britain is making a final effort to find a formula that will be acceptable to the antagonists, but with little hope of success, it is announced here, owing to the attitude assumed by Germany.

CALL RESERVES HOME

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 31.—The strenuous efforts being made by the governments of Austria and Servia to recall from the United States, for military service in the present struggle, many thousands of their countrymen who are employed in American factories, is attracting official attention. The question is being raised as to whether these efforts are being carried beyond the limits prescribed by the neutrality laws.

Advertisements are appearing in American papers calling upon reservists and other Austrians and Servians who are eligible for military duty to return to the fatherland and offering transportation.

STOP STEAMSHIPS

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia, July 31.—Steamship communication between St. Petersburg and England has stopped. The patriotic demonstrations which have been going on for several days was repeated tonight.

ROUMANIANS TO COLORS

PARIS, France, July 31.—The Roumanian legation here today received advices that Roumania had ordered all officers in the active army, to the colors.

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The WEATHER
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